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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

What our People are doing. Items of Interest, etc.

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Thanksgiving the 26th.

Subscribe for the NEWS.

A light snow-storm last week.

The W. C. T. U. directories for Oxford Co. are now ready.

The schools in the Brick Building began Monday morning.

Miss Daisy Dixon returned to Gorham Normal School Monday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Philbrook Thursday P. M.

Miss Grace Dixon of Augusta has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. T. Barker.

The father of Mr. George Mason died last Thursday at his home on Swan's Hill.

The Bethel grange will hold a special meeting next Friday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck welcomed a tiny boy to their home a week ago last Monday.

Mr. Fred Chandler spent Sunday at home, returning to South Paris Monday morning.

Subject at the Universalist church next Sabbath forenoon, "How to be Thankful."

Mrs. Nancy Swan is spending a few days with Mrs. John Swan, who has been very sick.

Miss Addie Gordon, who has been teaching school at Swan's Corner, has finished her term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Arno are to be congratulated on the arrival of a little daughter, born Nov. 15th.

Mr. Curtis Abbott, who has been book-keeper for Mr. Wyman at the corn-shop, returned home Sunday.

Miss Vera Merrill of Mason sent to the NEWS office this week a butter-cup picked Sunday, the 15th, at her home.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla?

Mr. and Mrs. John Barker are comfortably settled in their new quarters on Mechanic St., in I. C. Jordan's rent.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of the late E. I. Thomas, a well known architect of Lewiston, has been spending a few days with her friend, Miss Dearing.

Miss Eva Twaddle finished her school on Swan's Hill Friday, and Miss Alice Russell finished a successful term of school at Middle Intervale.

M. C. Allen and Miss Joan Stearns of this town, who are in attendance at the Shaw Business College, Portland, Me., are reported as making excellent progress in their studies.

Mr. Franklin Martin of Rumford has had his pension reinstated through the Bethel pension agency of J. G. Rich. Mr. Martin was a member of company A, 12th Regiment, Maine Infantry.

Your correspondent made a short call this last week at Dr. Gehring's new house, now in process of building, and was very courteously shown through the unfinished rooms and cellar. It is an elaborate affair, laid out on a grand scale, and will be, when finished, one of the finest residences in Maine. The cellar is solid masonry and cement, containing machinery for generating gas for lighting the house and steam arrangements for warming it. The front veranda is of itself a grand and elegant balcony, finished in elaborate style. The whole structure as you approach it from Broad St., gives one who has been in foreign countries, the impression that he is about to enter the premises of some nobleman on the continent of Enrope. We wish the doctor and his worthy lady, Mrs. Gehring, a long life to enjoy this fine establishment and we pronounce it *"Bonne et belle assez."*
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BUSINESS TAKES A START.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 16.

Special dispatches indicate a revival of business throughout the Ohio valley as well as in this section. The car works at Mt. Vernon, Ill., have just received an order for 300 cars, and have reopened their shops.

The big cooper shops at Raridon, O., have resumed work at their utmost capacity.

The Burgess Iron works at Portsmouth, which has been working a short force, announce that they will employ a full force at once.

The Barney & Smith car works at Dayton, Ohio, will begin operations at once with a force of 2000 men.

The J. I. Chase Plow works of Racine, Wis., will start with their full force in about two weeks.

The Racine Wagon & Carriage Co. started up Monday with a force of 1000 men.

Youngston, O., Nov. 9.

The furnaces at Hubbard & Lowell mills were started yesterday. The largest steel plant and several other mills will start to-day.

The furniture factory which has been running on half time and half forces, will begin under full headway Monday.

Woonsocket, R. I., Nov. 6.

The large cotton mills at Slaterville will start on full time Monday and run to their full capacity. Greenwood's Cotton Mills, Hartford, Conn., have begun operations with 600 men.

The Carnegie Steel Co., at Pittsburg, Penn, decided Friday to go forward at once with extensive improvements, involving an expenditure of half a million dollars.

Railroad ticket agents at St. Louis report that during the past twenty-four hours a greater number of commercial travellers have left the city in the interest of their respective houses than at any time since March. By the starting of iron mills, factories, etc., which have been idle during the summer, at least 4000 men have found employment.

Executor's Sale.

Will be sold at public auction on the premises of the late Jacob H. Lovejoy in Albany, on Friday the 20th day of November at 10 o'clock A. M. (if weather is suitable, if not, next secular fair day), all the household furniture, consisting of such articles as are in use in a well furnished house, such as silver, crockery ware, glass ware, chairs, tables, bureans, book-cases, chamber-sets, beds and bedding, cooking stove and parlor stoves; also farming tools, carriages and harness. One young horse, 2 cows, one with calf by her side, now one week old, about fifty hens, six or eight tons of hay, apples and potatoes and other things too numerous to mention.

Also, at same time and place, the farm of the late J. H. Lovejoy, consisting of tillage and pasture with a fine apple orchard, also a meadow lot of about thirty acres, together with a wood and pasture lot of fifty acres. The place is situated at Hunt's Corner within five minutes walk to the church and school house, and has been occupied by the late J. H. Lovejoy for the last 57 years. The buildings are neat and commodious, in good repair and well supplied with water from a never failing fountain.

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Bethel, Nov. 6th, 1896.
C. M. Wormell, Auct.
E. W. Woodbury, executor.

Oxford County Sunday School Association at South Paris.

The Oxford County Sunday School Association meets at South Paris to-day. The following persons are delegates from the M. E. Sunday school: Rev. A. Hamilton, C. H. Davis, C. O. Foster, Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Mrs. M. C. Bean, Mrs. Ada Durell, Miss Addie Gordon and Miss Cora Bean.

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NEW MEXICO LETTER.

Dear Editor:—

Reaching San Diego, I took a hack to the steamer, found myself among a pile of trunks, the boat a long distance away and a curious little car disappearing in the direction I knew I had to go; upon inquiry, I was informed that the car would return in season to take me down, so I waited. I I never saw anything like the car. It had a steam engine attached, however it proved to be sufficient to take about thirty or forty of us and our baggage down, and in a short time I found myself on the Corona, a nice boat, but not as elegant as the steamers in the East. The officers and attendants were very courteous, but the company seem to think more of the freight than the passengers. Soon after boarding the steamer, we found ourselves moving away from the wharf, and once again as in New York, I found myself alone in a crowd, nearly every one having friends to bid them "bon voyage." It came over me that Maine was a long distance away.

All the way to San Francisco we kept very near the shore. It was a beautiful night, and I remained on deck until quite late.

After retiring I rested quite well until midnight, when we reached Newport, and I was aroused by the porter to admit a young lady to my stateroom; she was extremely pleasant, and I parted from her in the morning with regret. About six o'clock I found myself at Rodondo Branch. We had about two hours here before the train left for Los Angeles, which is about 16 miles inland, though as you look at it on the map you get the impression that it is a sea-port town.

I occupied my time in looking around Rodondo; it is one of the noted beaches of California, but I saw nothing particularly attractive with the exception of a fine hotel. The grounds around the Rodondo are very fine, but the beach seemed very narrow to me, in fact I remarked the same thing in regard to them all, and I saw several, but none equal to Old Orchard.

The ride to the city was pleasant, but I did not see anything remarkable.

At the station I took a car and had a ride of five miles or more to my friend's home. We passed through the business part of the town, out into the residence portion of the city. I was particularly impressed with the elegant lawns and beautiful flowers; some of the houses were nearly hidden under climbing roses and other flowers. Certainly, Los Angeles is a city of flowers. I spent the forenoon with my friends, and after lunch one of the young ladies and I went down town. I visited several stores, the Commercial College, the Chamber of Commerce, and then went out to the West-End Park past the oil well.

This park is a lovely spot, flowers everywhere. After tea I went for a drive, saw St. Vincent's College, the State Normal, Froebel's Institute, Mrs. Fremont's home, also the old Longstreet house, besides many elegant residences. Some of the private grounds around the homes were beyond description; one must see them to appreciate them.

Friday morning my friends were busy, so I went down town and took an electric car for Pasadena. Had a delightful ride and spent about two hours in the town.

I visited the Public Library and saw the Universalist church, the latter is a fine building, reminded me of a cathedral. Many wealthy citizens reside in Pasadena, and no expense is spared to make it one of the loveliest spots in California.

Friday P. M. I went for a drive, and about 5 o'clock took the train for Pomona, but as I have considerable to say of my friends there, and this letter is getting rather long, I will leave that until my next.

I do want to tell you about one county election while the subject is fresh on my mind. For two weeks or more we have not cared to be on the road from town after dark. The Mexicans are full of wine, and when in that condition a "hold up" may be in order. Saturday night was a big time in Cruces, both sides had speech making. The Democrats had the Plaza, the band stand was decorated and all around was illumined. The Republicans had erected a stand in front of one of the principal stores and was very prettily draped in red, white and blue; both sides had a band, and certainly the sleepy old town was well awake.

The most comical thing to me occurred last Monday night. They corral the Mexicans like cattle, get them full of wine, take them to a corral and shut them up for the night. They are careful that they do not get sober, and the morning of the election they march them to the polls and vote them. Monday night one side had 125 corraled. They killed a beef creature and gave them that, and a barrel of wine. During the night the opposite side went to the corral stole the Mexicans and took them to their corral. The other side went for them, but they were too strongly guarded, so the thieves won. One side is just as bad as the other here, and the majority of Mexicans are ready to sell their vote to the highest bidder, but then they are no worse than the working man in the East, as this last election shows.

Very Truly,
Ellen F. Gibson.

Mesilila Park, Nov., 1896.

The Perfection of Our Mail Service.

An interesting example of the perfection of our mail service came to my experience recently. Early in the spring I saw an advertisement in the Harper's Round Table, in which a Japanese gentleman offers to send one hundred stamps of his country in return for one hundred stamps from any other country. As I am an ardent stamp collector, I seized it as an opportunity to add to my stamp collection and placing one hundred canceled stamps in an envelope, bearing the name and address of K. Toda, Bingo-Mitsunosho, Japan, I mailed it Feb. 18th, 1896.

Monday evening, Nov. 6th, you may imagine that I was somewhat surprised to receive that same letter, enclosed in the official envelope of the United Sates Post Office Department.

Let us learn of the travels of this letter by the post-marks which it bears. Across the stamp is the post mark of Bethel, Me., Feb. 18, 1896. This marks the commencement of its travels. On the back of the envelope is the post mark of San Francisco, Feb. 23rd, 1896. Near this on the same side is the post mark of Yokohama, with the date March 15th, 1896. After watching it cross the continent of North America and the Pacific ocean, its wanderings are for a while veiled in mystery, and I will merely describe the appearance of the envelope.

On the front side of the envelope near the Bethel post mark is a circle of brown ink. This is divided into two nearly equal halves by a perpendicular line, and is filled on each side with Japanese characters. Near this is a rectangle stamped, containing several characters. A dozen or more of these strange characters are written in a column on the left of the envelope, while in the lower left hand corner is added 7-528-28. The word "Refused" is written across the whole. After this it appears to have been uncalled for and was sent back to this country and to Washington, where it was opened in the Dead Letter Office, and there the name and address of the sender was ascertained. Here it was enclosed in an official envelope and started on its way again.

The first post mark was of Washington, Nov. 7th, 1896, 4:30 P. M. Then on the back was the New York post mark, which it received Nov. 8th. And near this the post mark, affixed by Postmaster Wiley, showed that it had been received at Bethel, Nov. 9th, 1896, at five o'clock.

Thus it returned to its sender, after having traveled over seventeen thousand miles, and after an absence of over eight months.

The letter itself is of little value, but to me it shows in an interesting manner the degree of perfection to which our mail service has been brought.

Robert C. Bisbee.

During several years residence in the far west, I had many opportunities for observing the wonderful effects of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. Its efficacy was demonstrated in the alkali regions, where the water produces violent purging. It allayed the attack when all other remedies failed. I repeatedly saw the greatest distress from diarrhœa cured in a few minutes. I used the remedy myself with the most satisfactory results, and can recommend it for the complaints for which it is indicated. H. Y. Gillingham, editor of the *Republican*, Phœnixville, Pa. This remedy is for sale by G. K. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

The grocery store and stock of Alderman J. E. Carrigan of Rose Hill, Lewiston, burned early yesterday morning. Loss, $5,000; insurance, $2,300.

FAULT-FINDING.

One of the easiest things in the world to do is to find fault, and in no place are there as many opportunities for indulging in this kind of work as in the home. There are so many little things occurring among its inmates where there is a family of any size, such as the misplacing of a garment, leaving a door ajar, uttering a thoughtless word, in fact, a great many trivial things that to people inclined to find fault will give plenty of cause. It is a disagreeable thing to find fault, anyway, to most people, yet there are some who seem to like to do it simply for the sake of finding fault. These people do not mean to be chronic fault-finders, and it never occurs to them that they are. They would not for the world be thought disagreeable, and but for this one trait, would be generally very pleasant companions. They did not acquire this habit at once; any of their friends will tell you that there was a time when they were not so; but they began by noticing every little failing or supposed failing among their acquaintances, and the habit grew with them until it appeared as part of their nature to notice and condemn every little fault, supposed or real. They are very far from being perfect themselves; in truth, they think so much about others' imperfections that they have very little time to attend to their own. They would be grieved and hurt should their friends retaliate by noticing every little eccentricity of theirs, and, perhaps, had their friends the courage to do so, it might open their eyes to the unpleasantness of fault-finding. It certainly would be a disagreeable duty, if duty it could be called, and few people would care to do it unless of the same stamp as the fault-finders, in which case it would do very little good.

Mothers, of all others, should not be fault-finders, and yet, strange as it may appear, a great many of them are surely of this class. They magnify every little mistake a child may make into a fault. They command the little one to do something, and if not done instantly they call him stubborn. If he is inclined to be obstinate, the telling of it to him will do more harm than good, unless told in a kindly way. Another is naturally awkward, and is much more liable to let fall or break anything he may have in his hands. "You are the most careless child I have ever seen!" the mother impatiently exclaims. It doesn't make any difference to her who is in the house at the time, the little one's fault is not hidden. Many mothers are fond of bringing up against a child some act of disobedience, very often thoughtlessly done, when there are visitors in the house. "How do you do, Charlie; you are a good boy, I hope?" says a visitor. "Oh!" replies the mother, "Charlie is a very bad boy; he did—so—and—so." There was no necessity for her answering at all, but she says aside to her guest, "I want to shame him so he will never do it again." Shame him! She would hardly care to have her own faults published in such a way. No, indeed. She would be justly indignant at such a thing, yet she does not hesitate to shame a little child. There is no reason in the world for bringing a child's faults into public notice, for if they are faults, they will be noticed soon enough without calling attention to them, and if they are simply mistakes, they should be treated as such and overlooked. The faults of all children are usually known to the mother, and no one else has a right to know them. She alone has a right to know them. She alone has the whole confidence of the child's nature, and she has no right to violate that confidence by bringing into public the little one's failings. Mothers who make a practice of this will never have the full confidence of the child, nor do they deserve that they should. If mothers were careful of hurting the feelings of the children, there would never be any danger of their hurting any one else, for a person who is careful of a little child will be careful of hurting the feelings of any one, even of the poorest.

Catarrh Means Danger,

Because if unchecked it may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blood. This fact is fully established. Therefore, it is useless to try to cure catarrh by outward applications or inhalants. The true way to cure catarrh is to purify the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, cures catarrh by its power to drive out all the impurities from the blood. Thousands of people testify that they have been perfectly and permanently cured of catarrh by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BERLIN, N. H.

Happenings in the Paper City of Coos.

Snow.

Court this week.

Thanksgiving the 26th.

J. D. Tiffany was up from Keene Monday.

Dr. Wight was up from Gorham, Thursday.

Business is reported good all over town.

Berlin is to have a lecture course this winter.

Chas. Knapp has vacated the Wilson House.

J. C. Harper was down from Errol Thursday.

C. H. Gordon was over from Whitefield Friday.

Judge Fletcher was over from Lancaster Friday.

Geo. McMann was down from Groveton, Friday.

Thos. Studd has painted his house on High St.

Chas. Sing, the laundry-man has returned home (?).

A. H. Doyle was over from Whitefield Friday.

The siding at the G. T. R. station has been completed.

C. P. Day's house on Pleasant St. is nearly completed.

The question now is, who shall have the post office?

M. N. Maloney has a new sign. Jimmie Balch made it.

T. H. Wright was down from West Milan Thursday.

W. H. Durant was down from Groveton last Saturday.

G. D. Wheeler of Castine, Me., was in town Wednesday.

E. E. Morgan was up from Manchester Wednesday.

"Hotel-de-Lock-up" has been moved to Mechanic street.

The Salvation Army are preparing for self-denial week.

W. C. Potter of Manchester was in town the first of the week.

Mike Eagan's house on High St., is nearly ready for occupancy.

Joseph Kedder of Manchester, was in town part of last week.

Arrangements have been made for a grand Thanksgiving ball.

C. C. Gerrish & Co., are having the front of their block painted.

Quite a number of arrests for larceny have been made lately.

Geo. E. Lewis of Newport has been in town the past few days.

Mrs. Nicholas Lepoint has gone to Glen Ellis Falls for a short visit.

Jacob Lee and Allie Jacobs attended the celebration at Gorham last week.

Storm doors and windows are being put on some of the houses about town.

The Berlin Mill Co., have bought the stock of shoes in the Corner shoe store.

The Berlin Telephone Co. have put in several new instruments the past week.

J. C. Edgerly of Manchester was in town Wednesday in the interests of the B. & M.

Leland Wilkins is having the grounds about his house on Hillside Ave. graded.

Neil Burgess in "The County Fair," at Clement Opera House. Look for later notice.

A large plate glass in the Greenlow, Page & Doe Co's store was broken out Saturday.

L. J. Cole is having the house he lately purchased of F. N. Weeeler painted throughout.

W. Oleson, operator at the G.T. R. station, is taking a thirty days vacation. Why Billy?

Robert Deane died at the home of his cousin last Wednesday. The funeral took place last Saturday.

A barber shop has been opened in the shoe store lately occupied by H. P. Montgomery as a shoe store.

Lorin Dresser is in Boston this week marketing. He expects to buy a fine line of Christmas goods.

M. D. Sturdevant's team was down from Magalloway after a four horse load of provisions for the woods.

Parker Dresser was up from West Paris, Me., last week selling apples. He sold about two hundred and fifty barrels.

Jos. McGee's carriage shop is being moved to make room for the Greenlaw, Page & Doe Co's buildings, and wood and coal yards.

Frank Paine, now living in Concord, will soon move here, as he has been transferred to this division of the Boston & Maine. He is fireman.

Mr. Bowler of Waldo County, Me., has charge of the C. A. Smith photo studio here in place of I. Welcome, resigned. Mr. Welcome has opened up a studio in Montpelier, Vt.

J. Beveridge is through work in the machine shop.

Chas. Williamson was out of the woods over Sunday.

St. Kieran has been holding a mission during the past week.

Steady's Orchestra goes to Stewartstown Thanksgiving time.

The Berlin Band is looking for a good practice room. Who knows of one?

The St. Barnabas Society held a fair at Whitney Opera House last Tuesday evening.

The Glen Co. are piling logs side of the G. T. R. spur. They have twelve car loads every day from Crystal.

A school house is being built in the Blanchard & Twitchell woods. So many families have moved in there that it is necessary.

Willie Lemire has finished work at the St. Johnsbury House, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and has accepted a position with the Berlin Dry Goods Co.

Willie Coyle slipped and broke his wrist a few days ago while at work. He has an accident policy with W. M. Burlingame, the insurance agent.

A man was quite badly hurt on the Glen works Friday; a large rock fell and struck him on the head. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

The fire whistle was blown last Wednesday forenoon for a half session of school. Quite a number thought it was for fire.

N. B., If the whistle sounds at 7:30 A. M. or 11:30 A. M., No. 22,(.....) it means half session of school that day.

The coffer dam is being taken out, and it will be a hard, tedious job, as it is filled with rocks and gravel, and the timbers all spiked tightly together. The contractors will get all of the men they can upon the work, and have three eight hour shifts. Mills No. 4 and 5 will be shut down until the work is completed on account of no water. The Glen will probably buy what sulphite they need at No. 1.

C. C. Gerrish & Co., are expecting a gasoline engine and dynamo. They expect to do their own lighting. They will use their engine for several different things, such as hoisting heavy groceries, running the coffee mill etc. They are to move the grocieres up stairs, and the basement will be used for meats of all kinds only. They are to have a grand opening next Monday. One of the features of the opening will be hot coffee (their best grades) and cream, free. C. C. Gerrish & Co., are the oldest firm in town, and deserve an amount of your patronage. They started in with a small stock, and today they have one of the largest and best equipped store in Northern New Hampshire.

C. C. GERRISH AND COMPANY.

Among the progressive and energetic business men of Berlin may be mentioned C. C. Gerrish & Co. Several weeks have been spent repairing and making additions to their store until it now has 75 feet frontage and nearly the same length. One half of the first floor will be used for house furnishings and the other half for groceries. The new grocery store, which is being fitted up, when completed according to the plan upon which they are working, will be one of the neatest, best arranged grocery stores east of Boston.

The second floor will be devoted principally to chamber sets, a suite of rooms and several business offices, while the third will present an elaborate display of carpets, wall paper, etc. This establishment when completed and equipped according to the design of the proprietors should and will be a real emporium in the "Paper City of Coos." Everything, apparently, has been done to add to the beauty and convenience of the store, and when done, our people will no longer have to go to Portland or Boston to see a grand display of household furnishings; by calling upon C. C. Gerrish & Co., whether they wish to purchase or not, they will be treated with due politness, taken from floor to floor on their new hydraulic elevator, and shown right here in their own little city, as good an assortment of goods as is seen in the great metropolis.

The Ashes of the D...

The art and fine spirit of James Russell Lowell are still quite frequently spoken of in the literary circles of London, and anecdotes of him are told with keen enjoyment. On one occasion at a large banquet the peculiarities of American speech were discussed with English bluntness. Lord S. called to Mr. Lowell loudly, so as to silence all other speakers:

"There is one new expression invented by your countrymen so foolish and vulgar as to be unpardonable. They talk of the 'ashes of the dead.' We don't burn corpses. No Englishman would use a phrase so absurd."

"And yet," said Mr. Lowell gently, "your poet Gray says, speaking of the dead:

"E'en in our ashes live their wonted fires.

"And in the burial service of the church of England it is said, 'Dust to dust and ashes to ashes.' We sin in good company." A cordial burst of applause greeted this prompt rejoinder.

Cause and Effect.

"Did I hear that your mule was struck by lightning, Eph?"

"Yaas, sah; dar was a powahful bolt hit de mule right ahind his eahs."

"Did it kill him?"

"No, sah; but it done broke up de stom."—Detroit Free Press.

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Bethel, Maine, Nov. 18, 1896.

BETHEL LOCALS.

The Ladies' Club met with Miss Mary True Thursday P. M.

Our local items were crowded off the first page this week.

Mr. Charles Capen went to Norway, returning Monday P. M.

Grace Knapp visited friends in Bryant's Pond last Thursday.

A. P. Chandler of the Lakeside Hotel, Umbagog Lake, was in town yesterday.

Special services have been held at the M. E. church the past week.

The Year book of the Columbian Club is out and very neatly done.

L. L. Mason returned home the first of the week from a business trip.

E. C. Park, Esq., went to South Paris yesterday to attend probate court.

There will be special music at the Universalist church next Sunday morning.

T. S. Hutchins has left the office of R. A. Frye and taken a school at North Newry.

The Rebekahs will initiate several new members into their order at their next meeting.

Mr. Herbert Jordan returned last week from Intervale, Me., and has been visiting friends in this place.

The Columbian Club held a very interesting meeting Saturday P. M. They take Grecian History this year.

A few cords of dry hard wood in exchange for photographs. At Kimball's Studio, 29 Main Street, Bethel, Me.

Robie Dingley has been confined to the house for a few days, It is suspected that he is coming down with the measels.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold a sociable in Garland Chapel Thursday evening of this week. All are most cordially invited.

Next Sabbath being a National Temperance Sunday it will be fittingly observed by the several pastors in our churches.

Turnkey Barker had six tramps at his hotel Monday night. He has lodged 107 Weary Willies since the 7th of February last.

We have quite a quantity of paper at the NEWS office suitable for the school children, which we will sell as long as it lasts for 3 cents per pound.

The W. C. T. U. held its meeting Tuesday P. M. at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. C. Billings in three weeks.

The series of religious meetings held at the M. E. church last week were well attended and will be continued this week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

L. C. Hall has just received a large line of fancy baskets, ball baskets, work baskets and scrap baskets. They are very pretty; call in and see them and get prices.

Wedding cards are received announcing the marriage of Mr. Fritz Tyler and Miss Grace Bartlett. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy life.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday morning will be "A Good Purpose," and a special invitation is extended to young men. The subject for the evening will be "Steadfastness."

Post master G. A. Wiley furnishes the following information concerning the mail: During the month ending Nov. 10, 1896, there has been 5130 pounds of mail matter received from the Portland & Island Pond Railway P. O., and distributed in Bethel P. O. And 2576 lbs, made up in Bethel P. O. and sent to the Portland & Island Pond Railway P. O.

Bethel Lodge F. and A. M. held their annual election of officers last Thursday evening. The following were elected: W. M., E. S. Kilborn; S. W., J. H. Barrows; J. W., C. E. Abbott; S. D., Davis Lovejoy; J. D., Henry Farwell; Sec., J. C. Billings; Treas., M. W. Chandler.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. Levi Bartlett Tuesday afternoon. The bride and groom, Miss Grace L. Bartlett and Mr. Fritz J. Tyler were both of Bethel. The bride's dress was of silk and wool in tan and blue colors trimmed with taffeta ribbon, wide silk lace in ecru, light blue silk with an Oriental design in gilt and white, and ornaments set with brilliants. The services were performed by Rev. H. A. Peare of Naples, after which the newly married couple departed for their home that was awaiting them at 31 Mechanic St., Bethel.

UNTIL DECEMBER FIRST.

Mark Down Sale!

In order to make room for my Christmas Stock I will sell Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware at greatly reduced prices during November.

The following prices Speak for themselves. ! !

Ladies Watch Chains,	Old Price, $1 to $2,	Marked Down to .75
Alarm Clocks,	" " 1	" " .87
Gold Rings,	" " 1.75 to 5,	" " 1.25, 3.50
Waltham Watches,	" " 6. to 25.	" " 4.95, $20

These are a few of many bargains.

I have some special bargains in Silverware suitable for Wedding and Christmas presents.

Edward King, "The Jeweler,"
6 MAIN ST., Near Depot. - Bethel.

Mr. Burnham and wife of Gilead were the guests of W. S. Wight yesterday.

At the "wax works" entertainment last Monday evening Miss Susie Plaisted received the handsome prize offered to the lady receiving the most votes for the same. Miss Plaisted received 778 votes, and Mrs. A. R. Haynes received 723. There were several others who received a less number. The prize was a large glass case, in which there was a basket filled with a great variety of flowers. The case was very pretty and Miss Plaisted is to be congratulated upon receiving it.

Feature of the Republican Celebration Last Week.

The living picture in the window of Miss E. E. Burnham's store formed one of the most attractive decorations of the evening. Many were the compliments paid little Miss Gladys Buck, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Buck, who posed as Goddess of Liberty amidst our national colors. Miss Gladys is a beautiful child, and the admiring crowd in front of the window, testified to the success of the picture.

THE MUSICAL WORLD.

Over one hundred at the first rehearsal and over one hundred names on the book of Song are the first fruits of the first rehearsal of the Maine Festival.

Mr. O. D. Stinchfield conducted the first rehearsal at the Conservatory rooms, Tuesday evening, and it was a well grounded, harmonious and enthusiastic chorus, full of zeal of the great musical awakening that Maine is to get next September.

Letters were read from H. Evan Williams, the famous tenor who made such a stir at the Worcester Festival, and from Gwilym Miles, the baritone, accepting engagements to sing here in September. Everyone was pleased at the following letter from Mr. Chapman:—

Mr. Homer N. Chase, Secretary Maine Musical Festival:—

MY DEAR SIR:—I am pleased to inform you that I have engaged some of the artists who will participate in the Festival concerts, to be given next September in your city, and I inclose herewith their indiyidual letters and press notices, so that you may be able to introduce them to some members of your chorus, who may not know of their ability. There are more to follow. I am delighted with the spirit shown by Madame Nordica, and the enthusiasm she manifested. If dates can be satisfactorily arranged, she will leave Europe a week earlier than otherwise, in order to participate in the opening concert. Interest is felt by all Maine people, resident in our great city, in this festive plan, and no pains, money or time will be spared to make it a great success in every way. Please extend to the members of your chorus on Thursday evening my hearty greetings, and say that I will surely be with them on Friday evening, Nov. 27, and shall expect a large attendance. I have written Miss Vannah to meet me there at that time, and I hope to see representative delegates from all the towns near by. I shall leave my regular work and duties here, and shall be at a big expense to make this trip, but I will gladly do it to prove my interest and enthusiasm in this Festival, and only hope that the chorus will all endeavor to be present, so that we may have a large and enthusiastic meeting. I will give them my interpretation of the music to be prepared for the Festival, and shall expect them to sing it over with me in fine style. I am sure we shall have a profitable evening, and I want everybody to feel interested and be present.

Three cheers for the Maine Festival!

Yours heartily,
W. R. Chapman.

New York, Nov. 10, 1896.

Everything looks easy for the Festival, and Mr. Chapman's coming in November will be the musical feast of the week. The Festival is a success. —Lewiston Journal.

Musicale.

Miss Lilian True's senior music class held its monthly musicale at the studio on Monday evening.

PROGRAMME.

Current Musical Events under discussion:
Worcester Festival.
Soloist, Mme. Nordica.
Topics for Note books:
The Story of Music from Bach to the time of the Reformation.
Compositions rendered by the Misses Richardson, Hutchins, Eames, Chapman and Carter.
Interpretation Drill.
Schumann's Abeud by Miss True.

A Call to Arms.

The music lovers of Bethel, West Bethel, Gilead, Walker's and Locke's Mills, and Bryant's Pond, are asked to form a musical organization which, in connection with similar organizations in other towns, will unite in forming the great chorus which will sing in Lewiston next September, in connection with the famous singers who have consented to originate the Maine Musical Festival. Think of having Nordica, our Maine prima donna; Evan Williams, the famous tenor, who can command two hundred dollars for a single song; Miles, the almost phenomenal baritone; Dufft, the glorious basso, who calls Bethel his "summer home"; a New York orchestra; a chorus of hundreds of voices singing under a director who held the baton at the great Patti festival, and when the Ninth Symphony was rendered last winter in New York, and who drills superb choruses nine months out of every year.

Think of the inspiring presence of a Cary and an Eames. All this on the horizon of our quiet, country lives, in the form of a possibility that seems like a positive duty not to neglect so inspiring a call to highest musical cultivation and enjoyment. It is proposed to allow honorary members to be present at all the village rehearsals, that those fond of music, though not singers, may have the great pleasure of hearing the exquisite music practiced, until the compositions become thoroughly enjoyed by perfect comprehension.

Those wishing to become active or honorary members are asked to meet at Garland Chapel, Friday Nov. 20th, at eight o'clock, to organize, learn terms of membership, and receive information about the music of the proposed programme.

Mr. Wight's Singing Class.

An hour spent in visiting the singing class on Saturday evening was filled with interest and satisfaction. To see children, after only five lessons, reading music fearlessly, and beating accurate time, was proof that no one teaches as well as do those who have themselves been well taught.

Mr. Wight is perfectly master of the situation. He knows just how to bring about results, and every word of instruction tells. A charming, sunny manner gives an additional element of success, while the very careful reviews will make it possible for those who have been deprived of an early entrance into the class to join even now, and have the delightful last part of the term's work.

The part-songs of the adults begin to have quite a charming effect, and by the close of the term, the bug-bears of reading by sight and keeping accurate time will have been forever put to rout in the minds of those who have availed themselves of this opportunity.

M. G.

Firemen's Ball.

Everybody in Bethel and vicinity knows that the event of the season is the Firemen's Annual Ball. Expense is never spared to make these balls brilliant occasions. The ball for this season is to be held in Odeon Hall the night before Thanksgiving, which will be Wednesday of next week, and it is proposed to make this one of the very best of the annuals.

Chandler's orchestra of five pieces of Portland has been engaged, and the public are thus assured that the music will be of the best ever held in Bethel. There will be a concert the first part of the evening, the admission to which will be 25 cents. Supper will be served in the rooms off from the hall. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Twenty or more of Bethel villagers went up to West Bethel last Thursday evening to attend the spelling school and entertainment at Bean's Hall. The evening was fine and the drive delightful, the entertainment was very much enjoyed by all. A snug sum was realized by the society, which will be used by the ladies in furnishing their church.

Thanksgiving Day.

Come to us cheerily, Thankful-day,
Out of the sweet blue sky!
Hearts are hoping and laughs are gay,
Flowers are blooming along the way,
E'en if the frost be nigh.

Come to us hopefully, Thankful-day,
Out of the tearful tomb!
Stars are steady and sure to stay—
God is watching forever and aye—
E'en in the darkest gloom!

WILL CARLTON in EVERY WHERE for November.

STATE NEWS.

F. B. Woodard has been appointed postmaster at Maplewood, vice Justin S. Barker.

Wm. H. Macartney, post master at Oakland, committed suicide by shooting Monday, cause unknown.

By the death of Mrs. Lydia G. Bramley, who died last week in Biddeford, the Foss St. Methodist church will receive $1,500.

It is stated that Bath wants ex-mayor John O. Shaw appointed as a member of Gov. Powei's staff, and his friends will urge his appointment.

The Bridgton House, the largest hotel in that town, was burned early Saturday morning. A portion of the furniture was saved. Geo. W. Newcomb was manager.

The funeral of Dr. Fred H. Crockett of Newton, Mass., took place at Norway, Nov. 10. He was a Mason of the thirty-third degree and a former master of Oxford Masonic lodge.

Early Monday morning Alfred Gillis, aged 16, was found hanging by a rope in a planing mill in Bath. He had been dead for several hours. Ill health was the cause of the suicide.

It is stated that the position of secretary to Governor-elect Powers has been accepted by Oramandel Smith of Litchfield. Mr. Smith is well and favorably known throughout the state, having been clerk as well as member of the legislature, secretary of state, and member of the governor's council.

Owing to the connection of his name in a scandalous way with that of a former female inmate of the prison, Deputy Warden Ira B. Northey of the State prison has resigned and withdrawn from the contest for warden. Mr. Northey stated that he was innocent of the charges preferred against him but the circumstances were such that he could not prove his innocence. His wife believes his explanation of the affair, and protests her confidence in him

John Y. Scruton of Lewiston died Sunday after a short illness of pneumonia and heart disease. Mr. Scruton has been a resident of Lewiston for many years, nearly all the time being in business. At first the firm name was Burleigh & Scruton, later being associated with Hon. J. L. H. Cobb, and since 1884 with his son, E. F. Scruton. He has been vice-president of the First National bank, and was president at the time of his death. He leaves two sons, Alderman Scruton and W. F. Scruton.

The *Bath Independent* is responsible for the truth of the following, A gentleman and his friend had left the judge's office to go to lunch, and when they had descended the stair, accompanied by the host's dog, a valuable sporting animal, the friend found he had left his gloves in the office and must again climb the stairs. The other said, "Let the dog smell your hand, and he'll get the gloves for you." So the visitor allowed the dog to take the scent from his hand, and trotting up stairs speedily returned bringing—not the gloves but the pink ribbon the pretty type writer had been wearing about her waist!

CLEANINGS.

A boom has been started at Seattle, Wash., for Wm. J. Bryan for U. S. Senator from Washington. The silver fusionists will control the Senatorship.

The oldest wooden building in the world is supposed to be a church in Borbund, Norway. It was built in the 11th century and has been protected by frequent coatings of pitch. It is built of pine, and is of fantastic Romanesque design.

Wm. McKinley will be the twenty-fifth President of the U. S. On the 26 of Feb., six days before his inauguration, he will be fifty-two years of age, the same age as Lincoln was when inaugurated in 1861. Both men were born in the month of February, Lincoln being born on Feb. 12, 1809. Like Lincoln, Mr. McKinley served as representative in Congress before his election to the Presidency.

How to Ward Off an Attack of Croup.

In speaking of this much dreaded disease, Mr. C. M. Dixon of Pleasant Ridge, Pa., said, "I have a little girl who is troubled frequently during the winter months with croupy affections. Whenever the first symptoms occur, my wife gives her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the result is always prompt and satisfactory." This Remedy is used by thousands of mothers throughout the United States, also in many foreign countries, and always with perfect success. It is only necessary to give it freely when the child becomes hoarse or as soon as the croupy cough appears and all symptoms of croup will disappear. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Flo's Letter.

A sweet little baby brother
Had come to live with Flo,
And she wanted it brought to the table
That it might eat and grow—
"It must wait for a while," said grandma,
In answer to her plea,
"For a little thing that hasn't teeth
Can't eat like you and me."

"Why hasn't it got teeth, grandma?"
Asked Flo in great surprise;
"Oh my! but isn't it funny?
No teeth—but nose and eyes?
I guess" (after thinking gravely)
"They must have been fordot—
Can't we buy him some like grandpa's?
I'd like to know why not!"

That afternoon to the corner
With paper, pen and ink,
Went Flo, saying, "Don't talk to me,
If you do you'll stop my think;
I'm writing a letter, grandma,
To send away tonight,
And 'cause it's very 'portant
I want to get it right."

At last the letter was finished,
And a wonderful thing to see—
And directed to "God in Heaven."
"Please read it over to me,"
Said little Flo to her grandma,
"To see if it's right, you know."
And here is the letter written
To God by little Flo:

"Dear God—The baby you brought us
Is awful nice and sweet,
But cause you fordot his toofies
The poor little thing can't eat;
That's why I'm writing this letter
A purpose to let you know.
Please come and finish the baby;
That's all; from

LITTLE FLO."

Sister Betsey.

Little Jennie lived in a beautiful home, situated on a big plantation that was covered with debt and mortgages, which is a form of poverty that is very bitter. She was two years and a half old before she owned a doll. There were exquisite images of bisque and stone on the mantles, but they were too costly to be trusted to her uncertain fingers. So she could only wistfully look at them as mamma rocked her to sleep before the bright wood fire, or told her fascinating stories of Little Jack Horner, and Little Miss Muffet, and about the pea that fell on foolish Henny Penny's head and the stubborn pig that would not get over the stile until the dog begun to bite it.

But one day poor mamma concluded that she would try to devolve a doll out of rags for her sweet baby. So she made the good little nurse, who was called "Big Jennie," take her way down in the long drive, where the fallen hickory nuts lay thickest under the rustling, brown leaves. While they gathered them mamma cut and stitched until she wrought a thing of shape and beauty. Its nose was embroidered with white, its lips with scarlet thread. Two flashing blue beads formed its eyes, and the lashes and brows were beautifully outlined with black floss. Sure enough hair, cut from somebody's dear head, was so strongly and skilifully sewed on dolly's head that it could be really combed and brushed. Shoes and stockings, neat and pretty undergarments, a blue calico dress, and white apron were the finishing touches to this love gift for baby, when she came in rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed and with moist ringlets clinging to her temples: Mamma held up for her surprise and delight the doll on which she had expended her loving art. Ah! Money could not buy the pure happiness of either of them then. Baby clasped the precious treasure to her breast in ecstacy. It was some time before she could divert her attention from the perfect whole to examine each detail. Oh, bliss unspeakable! Every article of clothing could be unbuttoned and taken off and washed and ironed. Little Jennie could scarcely grasp all its meaning, but "big Jennie" could contain herself no longer. Seizing dolly by both arms she commenced leaping frantically up and down, singing,

"Shout, Sister Betsey, shout, shout, shout.
One can't hold me! Two can't hold me!
Shout, Sister Betsey, shout!
Hold my bonnet! Hold my shawl!
But pray, don't touch my waterfall!
Shout, Sister Betsey, shout."

Startling as this proceeding might appear to one who did not understand, it produced no uneasiness in the mind of baby Jennie. She had witnessed such transports before, and they had been explained to her as religious fervor that could not always be controlled even in the "meeting house" of the "black folks" who labored in the great fields of corn and cotton. She was not at all afraid of these kind but often ragged people, who loved her for her beauty and innocence, and because she was the grandchild of the dear, dead mistress of the old place. Indeed, she was the recipient of many gifts of chickens, and eggs and berries from them.

It was in this enthusiastic way that dolly received the name of "Sister Betsey," and it stuck to her through a long and varied existence, and she became a prominent and well recognized member of the household. She shared the couch and confidence, the joys and sorrows of her little owner, by whom she was alternately scolded and caressed.

In the course of time other dolls and pets came to claim a place in the affections of baby Jennie, but battered and torn, to the very last Sister Betsey held her own. I do not like to write of the inevitable end that, it is wise to remember must come to every earthly creation. But, worn completely out with alternate kisses and slaps, and unwearied participation in wearing frolics and fights, Sister Betsey lost all semblance of her former charms, and one cold, dark day mamma sadly and mercifully committed her to the glowing flames. They soon reduced to a handful of ashes, all that was left of a cherished rag doll.—Quien Sabe in TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

NOTES.

Full moon Friday night.

Freight traffic is heavy.

Pressed for money—trousers.

Schools started up again Monday.

Probate Court at South Paris yesterday.

Tailors say that knickerbockers are bound to come.

There will be another entertainment at Bean's Hall, West Bethel, Saturday evening of this week.

Several queer things happened in town Monday:

Long about one o'clock a respectable Bethel shoemaker was sitting on the platform of a store near his shop when the steam whistle at the chair factory blew two blasts, as it has a habit of doing at one o'clock. "Did that whistle blow twice?" asked the shoemaker of a passerby.

"Yes," was the reply, "what of it?"

"Well, I guess I better be going to dinner; I thought this was a mighty long forenoon."

Just as twilight began to fall, one of our prominent merchants went home to supper. His father, to whose lot it usually fell to do the chores about the barn, was away, and the aforementioned merchant, thinking it might be quite late before the Maj—beg pardon, we mean father, returned, went out to do the chores. He watered the horses, cleaned up the barn, tied up the cows—all but one of them, and went out to hunt up the one that was missing. He looked high and low for the missing cow, but failing to scare her up came back to the stable. At this point the father arrived, and asked the dutiful merchat what he was looking for. "Well, I'm looking for that old red cow," was the reply.

"Why, that's queer," said the father, "you helped us kill that cow about two weeks ago, and have been doing your share toward eating her up ever since."

About midnight as Constable Barker was enjoying a sound snooze, someone stepped onto the veranda and gave the door bell a sharp pull; Mr. Barker stuck his head out of the window and inquired what was wanted.

"Come down quick," was the answer; "someone has broken into Bryant's store."

Mr. Barker hurried to the scene of action, and sure enough Mr. Bryant's store door was wide open, and Mr. Barker knew not how many robbers bold were within, ready to pounce down upon him. So drawing his six shooter and asking some of the crowd who had congregated to be ready to bear off his body in case he was assassinated, he struck a match and boldly entered the store. No one was to be found, and after looking around a little, and discovering the key in the lock on the inside of the door, Mr. B. concluded that the other Mr. B. had gone home, leaving his store open. Not liking to be disturbed from his midnight slumbers for nothing, he concluded to have a little fun at Mr. Bryant's expense. Thereupon he proceeded to disarrange things as much as possible. Hams and pork disappeared, chairs knocked over and everything put in confusion. Tuesday morning Mr, Bryant proceeded to his place of business in an unusually happy frame of mind, but on reaching the door and finding it oepn and noting the confusion within, his heart sank and he started at once for officer Barker to have him hunt down the villians. This Mr. Barker (endeavoring all the while to keep a straight face) proceeded to do, and hastened to the store. If you want to hear the rest of this tale call on Mr. Barker, then go around to Bryant's store and help yourself to cigars.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Pursuant to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at Public Auction on the twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of Herrick & Park, in Bethel, all the right, title, and interest which DAVID M. GROVER, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz: The homestead farm of said David M. Grover, situated on Grover Hill, so called, in said Bethel, not including the meadow lot, so called.

Dated this 16th day of Nov., 1896.

3w25 DANIEL H. GROVER, Adm'r.

Fireman's annual ball next week.

J. G. Rich is agent for the *Lewiston Journal*, and those owing for the paper can make payment to him; and one year advanced payment entitles the subscriber to a nice premium.

John Harris bought a nice yearling colt of L. A. Hall for $30, and took him home, but the colt after being let out of the Harris stable kept going back and forth from stable to stable, first to Hall's then to Harris's and vice versa, and plagued John so, that he got Hall to take him back.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS,

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line.

In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

"Yet one smile more, departing distant sun,
One mellow smile through the soft vapory air,
E'er o'er the frozen earth the wild winds run,
Or snows are drifted o'er the meadows bare."

Work on the new church goes steadily on.

J. G. Coffin of Locke's Mills was in town Saturday.

Eugene A. Briggs and wife of Bethel were in this place Sunday.

School closed Friday, and the winter term will begin Monday, Nov. 30th.

Millard L. Mason and wife left town Monday for their home in Greenfield, N. H.

We recently had the pleasure of meeting our friend, Martin B. Whitney of Lancaster, N. H., who has been visiting old acquaintances in this vicinity.

Mr. Macallister, who exchanged his stand in Auburn for the farm of E. B. Shaw, moved here last week, and will become a tiller of the soil.

E. Byron Shaw and mother, and Miss Julia Gilcrease, have moved to their new home in Auburn, and will be much missed by their old neighbors and numerous friends.

Albert A. Richmond, who has been working in Hartford through the summer, arrived in town Thursday, and we learn will work for C. L. Abbott, Jr., the coming winter.

Anthony Nay and wife of West Milan, N. H., have been visiting E. R. Briggs and family. He bought quite a lot of apples here, and had them sent to his home on the cars.

Friday morning it was reported here that Dr. John A. Tyler of Groveton, N. H., formerly of this town, was dead, but later in the day a contradictory statement was circulated, and all are hoping to learn of his speedy recovery.

We had a very pleasant but quite unexpected visit from Jos. W. Cummings and son Allen, of Albany, one day last week. Mr. Cummings had not been in this village for twelve years, although he has lived all the time only eight miles distant.

MASON.

Ernest Morrill is yarding hemlock.

Mrs. Atkinson is visiting at A. S. Lovejoy's.

S. A. Grover has a crew cutting birch for A. S. Bean.

Roy Grover has finished working for Fred Ordway and returned home.

Some of the young people of this place attended the spelling-school at West Bethel in Bean's Hall Thursday night.

MAGALLOWAY.

A. J. and Lee Wilson are moving their supplies into the woods preparing for a winter's logging.

Mrs. Lewis Leavitt and Mrs. A. C. Thurston have been to Berlin, to visit their sister, Mrs. Wilkins.

Lewis and Leonard Leavitt have not returned from their hunting trip in the northern woods yet. They have been gone several weeks.

Mrs. Lewis Fickett has started for the Cupsuptic, where her husband has been for the past few weeks. They intend to spend the winter there.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

S. A. Smith has moved his shed around on to the end of his stable.

W. R. Sturdevant had quite a valuable cow break her leg in the yard recently.

C. P. Giles has so far recovered from the injury to his foot as to be around the store on crutches.

Perley McKean's family has moved from the Harbor into the rent in the upper part of Silas Smith's house.

U. L. Pinkham has moved his harness shop from its position near Hutchins' store to a corner of S. Pinkham's field, in front of Loring Brown's house.

Harry Hutchins is making extensive repairs on his store, and has just put up a new stable, taking the old one for a store-house, and has also built new horse sheds.

Among those who went to Boston on the Food Fair excursion from this place, were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Andrews, Mrs. W. J. Pitman and son Ralph, Bert Webb, A. Stevens and Geo. Pitman.

It is estimated that Bridgton this fall has produced nearly 15,000 barrels of marketable apples, mostly Baldwins. The orchards on the farms of Col. Perley and Darwin Ingalls at South Bridgton have produced 1,000 bbls. each of grafted fruit.

25 Envelopes, any style, for 5¢ a bunch at the NEWS office. 23

GROVER HILL.

S. A. Lyon is cutting spruce for market.

E. E. Lyon recently captured a fine fat deer.

Mrs. Nathan Ethridge died at her home last Wednesday.

R. L. Paine and R. R. Maybery are cutting spruce for market.

Grover Hill school is progressing finely under the proficient instruction of Miss Ida Haselton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barker have been stopping at A. B. Grover's for a few days while settling at their new home at Bethel.

Mrs. F. Bennett has returned from Mechanic Falls, where she has been for a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Jordan.

Miss Marion E. Bennett began her school at Hunt's Corner last Monday. Misses Winifred Brown and Maude Ava Bartlett are also teaching.

Miss Hattie Littlehale, a professional nurse from Portland, accompanied her sister, Miss Lena Littlehale, made a recent visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stearns.

NORWAY.

A large crew of men under S. N. Tubbs are laying large iron pipe for a complete water system and fire protection around the Shoe Company's buildings.

Shoe business is beginning to boom again. Stock is all taken, and a large number of the spring orders are being rapidly filled. Three new electric motors are now in place, and connection will soon be made with the power station.

A big crowd witnessed the Mc Kinley celebration at South Paris last Friday eve. The electric cars carried over 1100 passengers in three hours from Norway. The Norway Cadet Band of fourteen pieces led the procession and furnished standard music.

HANOVER.

Miss Laura Frances Smith closed her school in the upper district, No. 1, Friday, Nov. 6, after a very successful term of nine weeks. It being Miss Smith's fifth term here speaks well for her as a teacher. For further recommendation all one need do is to speak "school" to either parents or children and immediately comes the remark: "Oh! yes; she's a splendid teacher, and we all want her to come back this winter." Her sunny face and sweet disposition, beside her educational qualifications and special aptitude for teaching the "young idea how to shoot," make her a general favorite both with her young pupils and with older ones. Her scholars tried to please her by making marked improvement in their various studies. Several small ones, especially on account of their regular attendance at school in spite of difficulties, deserve to be mentioned, in order to show them we are glad there are so many like them and lament because more do not follow their example. Helen Lora Chapman, eight years old, who lives a full mile from the school house, walked every day to school without being absent a day or dismissed, and was tardy twice only. Lila Etta Smith, five years old, walked more than a mile and was absent only one day. Great improvement was made in writing, as is shown by the copy books of Robbie Hayford, Edith Powers and Lila Swain. Leslie Carlton and Charlie Hayford did well in arithmetic. Cheslie Saunders and Nellie Howard both tried to take the lead in all their studies. Shirley Chapman, five years old, guessed the nearest on the number of pages in a book and was one of the "Captains" of a spelling match. For a smart class in geography, just listen to Helen Chapman, Lily and Lottie Swain. These words of commendation are few compared to what might truthfully be said in praise of both teacher and scholars. I only hope that they may act as a stimulus to those scholars, who perchance, may read them, that it may arouse in them a desire to improve while the opportunity is given them, and may they try to seek still harder after that knowledge which will make them better fitted to preform the duties which will devolve upon them, and make them better men and women.

Can't Eat

This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and internal misery only a dyspeptic can know, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling and builds up and sustains the whole physical system. It so promptly and efficiently relieves dyspeptic symptoms and cures nervous headaches, that it seems to have almost "a magic touch."

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EAST BUCKFIELD.

Born, Oct. 25th, to the wife of Albert Shaw, a son.

Eggs are twenty-four cents per dozen, and very scarce.

S. C. Tuttle with family attended the Grange at East Hebron.

Mrs. Robinson Deane and two daughters, and Mrs. Emma Jewett, started for Southern California last Saturday.

Calvin Parlin and wife from Sumner, stopped with Justus Mason one night last week. They were on their way to Quarterly meetings at East Hebron.

The Rowe Bro's drove a flock of sheep of three hundred in number, through this place last Saturday, bound for Auburn. They were taken from Farrar Mills, Sumner, Me., and vicinity.

GREENWOOD.

S. B. Swan and wife are on a visit in Albany.

Presidential election is among the things of the past, and still the mighty orb rolls on.

Rainy weather is the rule this fall, and fair weather the exception. Let us keep hoping for the opposite.

The city is growing. One dwelling house is being built there this fall, which shows that business is improving.

Dea. Wm. Thomas made the writer a pleasant visit last week. His grand-daughter, Nora Thomas, was at home from Hebron Academy recently, and speaks in very high terms of the school.

DENMARK.

Rev. Samuel Pendexter of Sanford, is visiting his nephew, C. O. Pendexter.

A. H. Witham has his two three year old colts home, for which he swapped his large horse.

Irving Ingalls and May Berry were united in marriage Sunday, the 8th, by Rev. C. F. Sargent.

H. C. Libby, our hardware man, failed last week, and Boston and other parties have shut up his store.

Geo. Walker, son of Moody Walker, is visiting in town. For a few years past he has lived in Massachusetts.

There was an illumination on the "Boston Hills" last Saturday evening by the Republicans, and before midnight a goodly number of guns were fired in honor of Mc Kinley's election.

Ernest Gilman and wife came to town Friday to see his wife's sister, Miss Tibbetts of West Denmark, who is very bad off with consumption; he visited his mother, Mrs. A. P. Merrill, Monday, and returned to his home in North Waterford Tuesday, where he is blacksmithing.

GRAFTON.

Carrie Brooks is working for Enoch Abbott at Upton.

Daisy Brooks has gone to Swan's Corner to work for Mrs. C. T. Parker this winter.

Mrs. H. C. Philbrook, with her little son, Wendell, are visiting at her father's, Mr. G. A. Otis.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Browne from Auburn are passing a few days at Mr. Browne's home.

Dwight Virgin of Hanover, accompanied by a friend, passed through town on his wheel last week.

NEWRY.

Mr. Albert Cash and family have been visiting relatives in Paris.

Mr. Horatio Godwin has some men in the woods at work in North Newry.

Mr. Freeland Harlow and wife from Buckfield, were visiting at Mr. N. S. Baker's last week.

DO YOU VISIT?
We have a line of visiting cards that are just right. We have just purchased some new steel plate script type and if you want some calling cards that are just right send 50 cts. to the NEWS office and we will print 100 and send them to your address post paid. News Pub. Co., Bethel.

CARIBOU.

Wednesday, the 11th, about 1½ inches of snow fell here.

The roads in this section are very bad; they never were worse.

Charles B. Lovejoy of this village dressed an ox that tipped the scales, alive, at 1885 lbs.

Potatoes are from 75 to 80 cents per bbl., some have been sold for one dollar per bbl.

Work on the dam here in Caribou has been suspended for a few days on account of high water.

J. H. Glenn has the finest assortment of skates ever on exhibition in this town; prices from 50 cts. to $5.00.

William Fox of Perham raised four potatoes that weighed 7½ lbs. Three potatoes weighed a trifle more than two lbs. each. They are the "Rose of Erin" variety.

EAST BETHEL.

Miss Lillian Kimball closed her school at East Bethel, Nov. 13th, with very interesting and instructive exercises, which showed that the time had been well improved by both scholars and teacher. A number of the parents and Mrs. O. M. Mason, the superintendent, were present. After the examination of some of the classes, the following programme was rendered:

Rec. Our Greeting Song, Hester Kimball.
Rec. Don't let Mother do it, Jennie Swan.
Rec. Where's Mother, Blanche Swan.
Dec. Result of Getting Religious, Edwin Farrar
Dec. My Thanksgiving, Edwin York.
Rec. The Lesson Miss Lucy Learned, Annie Farrar.
Com. Winter, Belle Kimball.
Dec. Thanksgiving Letter to Grandma, Edgar Swan.
Rec. The old Highway Cow, Inez Brown.
Dec. I'll Try. Guy Bartlett.
Rec. Emptying the Stocking, Ava Farrar.
Rec. Little Miss Apple, Millard York.
Com. A New England Winter, Cleavie Bartlett.
Rec. Last, Mary York.
Dec. Opinion of Grandmothers, Lester Bean.
Rec. Be Kind to Dear Mother, Manda Haines.
Dec. Wanted, Ormie Farwell.

Quotations by the school.

Scholars not absent during the term were Ormie Farwell, Belle Kimball and Edwin York.

BIRTHS.

In Norway, Nov. 5th, to the wife of Byron E. Hodgkins, a daughter.

In South Harrison, Oct. 30th, to the wife of H. A. Libby, a daughter.

In Bryant's Pond, Oct. 19th, to the wife of Walter Billings, a daughter.

In St. Johnsbury, Vt., Nov. 6th, to the wife of Rev. H. H. Hoyt, a daughter.

In Lewiston, Nov. 10th, to the wife of Professor N. E. Rankin, a daughter.

In East Buckfield, Oct. 25th, to the wife of Albert Shaw, a son.

In Bethel, Nov. 15th, to the wife of E. L. Arno, a daughter (Hazel Joy).

MARRIAGES.

In Paris, Nov. 7th, by Rev. E. W. Pierce, Col. Eugene F. Smith of Norway and Harriet A. Andrews of Paris.

In Fryeburg, Nov. 8th, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Lemuel E. Bean and Grace L. Haley, both of Fryeburg.

In North Waterford, Nov. 7th, by Rev. A. P. Macdonald, at the residence of the bride's father, Ernest Pike and Mertie Horr, both of Waterford.

In Denmark, Nov. 8th, by Rev C. F. Sargent, Mr. Irving Ingalls and Miss May Berry.

DEATHS.

In Berlin, N. H., Nov. 11th, Robert Deane.

In Bethel, Nov. 11th, Mrs. Nathan Ethridge.

In Gilead, Nov. 14th, Mrs. C. H. Bennett.

In South Paris, Nov. 5th, Mary J. Skillings, aged 62 years.

In Gilead, Nov. 1st, B. M. Prescott.

In Paris, Oct. 29th, Mrs. Mary J. Griffin of Bolster's Mills, aged 80 years.

In Northampton, Mass., Oct. 5th, Octavia Coffin, widow of David Coffin, aged 59 years, 5 months, 19 days.

In Bridgton, Nov. 5th, Maria F. Ward, formerly of Sebago, aged 47 years, 6 months.

MILAN, N. H.

Schools in the town all finish this week.

S. E. Coffin returned to his work in Maine this week.

Mamie Marshall is working at J. W. Marshall's for a short time.

C. S. Bean broke two ribs while working in the woods last week.

Rev. Mr. Hinkley, of Vermont, preaches in the church Sunday.

There will be a donation party at the parsonage next Thursday evening.

The gentlemen will furnish entertainment for the Rebekah meeting this week.

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Not long ago in speaking of sore throat, and the difficulty experienced in curing it, Mr. J. E. Thomas, of Uniondale, Pa., told how he had often cured it in his family. We give it in his own words: "I have frequently used Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my family for sore throat and it has effected a speedy cure in every instance. I would not think of getting along in my home without it." Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains and bruises. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G.R. Wiley, Bethel, and G.O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

ENVELOPES A full package of 25 of our best envelopes for only 5 cents. We have 15 or 20 varieties and you can have your choice for a nickle. News Pub. Co.

GILEAD.

Phil. Walsh of Berlin stopped over night at the Watson House.

Tom Hastings of Bethel is putting in a bath room for J. W. Bennett.

Fred Myers was here last week; he is chief cook at a hotel in New Hampshire.

Mrs. C. F. Morse is in town; she is going to finish off the open kitchen in her rent.

Mrs. C. H. Bennett died of consumption Nov. 14th. Funeral at the house the 16th, Elder Farrar officiating.

J. W. Bennett is the new postmaster; you will soon call at the old red store for your mail. We are sorry to lose our excellent post master Hastings; we presume he is glad to be liberated, as Rob has lots of other business requiring his attention.

GRAFTON.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle met with Mrs. S. P. Davis last week.

Rufus Farrar attended the celebration at Bethel last Tuesday.

Geo. I. Brown and wife have returned to their home in Auburn.

Fred Decker has recently purchased a fine deers head of Charles Whitney of Upton.

Blanche Pratt is attending school in No. Waterford.

UPTON.

The school on the hill taught by Mary L. Abbott closed last Friday.

Frank Bragg is putting in a stone foundation for a building over the brook opposite his house.

Dr. C. L. Buck of South Paris, was in town Thursday and Friday of last week. He had lots of dentist work to do.

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And sponge his verse where rhyme or rhythm halts!
Yet lest perchance thy too retentive touch
Appropriate in passing overmuch,
Pray leave a trace of what he would imply
Were taught but free and ink allowed to dry;
In former times they sprinkled out the sand
To sweep it off and let the writing stand,
While nowadays a line is hardly writ
Ere we regret and seek to alter it
And spend in emendation so much pains
That scarce an inkling of the truth remains.
So for the nonce let my poor pen run free
And leave recorded whatso'er it be.
Grant it expression for a final line,
And all that went before is gladly thine.
Then will this postscript yet suffice to show,
"I'll love sweet Alice long as ink shall flow."
—W. D. Ellwanger in Bookman.

PRECEDENCE IN ENGLAND.

The Red Tape That Rules the Position of Women at Table.

To Americans the great question of precedence at formal English dinners presents a humorous aspect, but to our transatlantic cousins it is deeply serious. Many an English girl thinks it worth while to be miserable all her life if she may lead the way to the festal board. Here is the table of rank in its proper order, which she must have engraved upon the fleshy tablets of her heart, complicated, moreover, with exact knowledge as to which of two baronets or earls is of the earlier "creation." It is recommended to the devout study of future American countesses or duchesses:

The queen.
Daughters of the queen.
Wives of the queen's sons.
Wives of the queen's brothers.
Wives of the queen's uncles.
Wives of the eldest sons of dukes of the royal blood.
Daughters of dukes of the royal blood.
Wives of the king's or queen's nephews.
Duchesses.
Marchionesses.
Wives of the eldest sons of dukes.
Daughters of dukes.
Countesses.
Wives of the eldest sons of marquises.
Daughters of marquises.
Wives of the younger sons of dukes.
Viscountesses.
Wives of the eldest sons of earls.
Daughters of earls.
Wives of the younger sons of marquises.
Baronesses.
Wives of the eldest sons of viscounts.
Daughters of viscounts.
Wives of the younger sons of earls.
Wives of the eldest sons of barons.
Maids of honor.
Wives of the younger sons of viscounts.
Wives of the younger sons of barons.
Wives of baronets.
Wives of Knights of the Garter.
Wives of younger Knights Grand Crosses of the Bath.
Wives of Knights Commanders of the Bath.
Wives of Knights Bachelors.
Wives of the eldest sons of the younger sons of peers.
Wives of the eldest sons of baronets.
Daughters of baronets.
Wives of the eldest sons of Knights of the Garter.
Wives of the eldest sons of Knights of the Bath.
Daughters of Knights of the Bath.
Wives of the eldest sons of Knights Bachelors.
Wives of the younger sons of baronets.
Daughters of knights.
Wives of companions of the Order of the Bath.
Wives of the esquires of the king's body.
Wives of the esquires of the Knights of the Bath.
Wives of esquires by creation.
Wives of esquires by office.
Wives of the younger sons of Knights of the Garter.
Wives of the younger sons of Knights of the Bath.
Wives of the younger sons of Knights Bachelors.
Wives of gentlemen entitled to bear arms.
Daughters of esquires entitled to bear arms.
Daughters of gentlemen entitled to bear arms.
Wives of citizens.
Wives of burgesses.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

Is Burglary a Science?

The modern burglar is a scientist and inventor in his way. Recently a new era in safe breaking and other branches of the cracksman's art has opened, and the famous jimmy, so long rampant on the successful burglar's coat of arms, is to be superseded by more convenient labor saving tools.

In Marseilles the other day a gang of ingenious cracksmen entered a banker's office armed with a steel saw of the newest construction and a handy little gas engine. There was no need for the exercise of muscle, nor was there any necessity for a good strong wrist at the saw, as there was at one time in the annals of famous robberies.

The little engine was started, the saw put in the proper place and the connections made. Seating themselves serenely upon a couple of chairs near at hand, these modern burglars watched the true and rapid work of their appliances.

The big safe might have resisted for hours the force of human hands, but the saw, impelled by the engine, it could not stand against. The stout iron safe promptly yielded up its contents of over £600 worth of gold and bonds, and in a quarter of the time it would have taken to have committed the robbery under the old conditions the burglars were well out of the building with their booty.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Prescription.

The young woman who takes music lessons and practices scales had announced to her friends that she was going away.

"Isn't it rather a sudden determination?"

"Yes. It's the doctor's orders."

"Why, you don't look the least bit ill."

"Oh, I'm perfectly well. Auntie is the one who is sick."—Washington Star.

Patents In England.

The British government makes no examination to determine the validity of a device for which a patent is asked, but takes it for granted that every invention is new and grants a patent to every applicant, leaving his claim, if contested, to be subsequently determined by the courts.

In 1820 the business portion of Savannah was blotted out by a great fire, which destroyed property to the value of $4,000,000.

The Gregorian calendar was adopted in Great Britain in September, 1715, the 3d of that month being called the 14th.

A New Soporific.

It is said that a new soporific, to which the name pellotin has been given, has been discovered in a Mexican cactus called anhalonium. The native Mexicans eat slices of the plant, which they call "pellote." Its hypnotic alkaloid has been separated by Dr. Hefter of Leipsic. One grain of pellotin is equal in its effects to 15½ grains of trional and 31 grains of hydrate of chloral. It is effective in quieting delirium tremens, only in large doses.—New York Tribune.

Greek Fire.

Greek fire, which had several other names—wild fire, liquid fire, wet fire and fire rain—descriptive of its destructiveness, is said to have been the most destructive engine of war previous to gunpowder. Discovered by Callinicus, a Syrian, it was first used in the siege of Constantinople, 673-8, and at Mecca, 690.

Spain has 4,130,000 women over the age of 16.

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The Early Anabaptists.

The tailor's trade was only permitted so far as it was necessary for clothing, but so far as it or any other trade ministered to luxury, pride and arrogance it was abjured as "rootless work." Thus they could not be goldsmiths, silversmiths or jewelers. Nor would they make any weapon of war.

The trades chiefly pursued by the Moravian Anabaptists were clothmaking, cutlery, millkeeping and shoemaking. In the fields and in the woods and in the vineyards many found healthy and happy occupation. Others worked as carpenters, joiners, cabinet makers, masons, blacksmiths, cartwrights, tanners, saddlers, potters—there was, in fact, hardly a useful trade the communities did not practice. Strange to say, nothing is said of printing. Probably they feared to attract the notice of their imperial persecutors. The Moravian Anabaptists, very different from those who all over the German empire and elsewhere commenced the movement, followed the model held up in the words, "He shall not cry, nor lift up, or cause his voice to be heard in the streets." They spoke of themselves as "the quiet in the land."

In clothmaking and cutlery they obtained such repute that at their final expulsion the authorities made special efforts to infuse some kind of energy into "the Christians," who hitherto had not been able to compete with the Anabaptist cloth workers. It was even proposed to invite Dutch cloth workers into the country. But it was by "good work" and the overcoming of adverse conditions that the Anabaptist communities had attained their eminence.—Contemporary Review.

Managua.

Managua seems to have been made the capital of Nicaragua because the two principal cities, Leon and Granada, were always fighting for the honor. Leon approaches the most closely to the true metropolitan character. It covers a wide extent of country. Its public buildings are admittedly the finest in Central America, and, besides showing a greater variety of race in its inhabitants, it is the abode of the old aristocracy. Then it has gone in for progress and education, and though it strikes one as a trifle incongruous to see even a railway station in a place like this, to say nothing of the other adjuncts of civilization, there is no blinking the fact that these same adjuncts are there, and that they represent an advance. And the cathedral of cut stone is a magnificent structure, covering an entire square, and fronting the whole width of the grand plaza.

From the roof I saw the wide Pacific shining like a thin rim of silver on the western horizon, while stretching away to the northeast I followed without shifting my eye the line of Los Marabios, which are nine volcanoes, some of them as perfectly tapered as an Egyptian pyramid. Managua has a certain advantage in being situated on the lemon colored lake of the same name and in being the seat of government.—Good Words.

A Story of Ole Bull.

A curious tale of Ole Bull is told in a recent book on violins and violinists. It seems that in 1831, being then 21 years of age, the famous violinist wandered to Paris. The cholera was raging and Malibran singing. He went to hear her, and his landlord decamped with his possessions, including his violin. He was speedily reduced to extremity. During the last dinner that he was able to pay for he made the acquaintance of a remarkble man. To this stranger Ole Bull confided his miseries. At the conclusion the stranger said abruptly, "Well, I will do something for you if you have courage and 5 francs." "I have both," said Bull. "Then go to Frascati's tonight at 10 o'clock, pass through the first room, go into the second, where they play rouge et noir, and when a new taille begins, put your 5 francs on rouge and leave it there." Bull did as directed, and when his 5 francs had become 400 took them up after an episode with a woman who attempted to take them. Red continued to win, and had he left his money longer he would have won an independent sum. The stranger, who was present at his elbow, was Vidocq, the French detective, already a European celebrity.

Jonas Hanway.

In Westminster abbey, in the west aisle, between the monuments of those two great men Warren Hastings and Richard Cobden, is one of Jonas Hanway, whose chief claim to fame is that he was the first man in England who carried an umbrella. It is not probable, though, that this is the reason why he was buried in the abbey, since he was also famous in his day as a traveler and a philanthropist. He journeyed much in the east, and wrote a most interesting account of his life there. Afterward he came home, and, making a tour of England, wrote so dull a book about it that it drew from the celebrated Dr. Johnson the characteristic remark that "Jonas acquired some reputation by traveling abroad and lost it all by traveling at home."—Max Bennett Thrasher in St. Nicholas.

Resented.

"I will hunt him to the—figurative—ends of the earth," said the Boston man in most earnest tones.

"Pshaw!" said the other. "You are not the first man who has been held up and robbed of $3 or $4."

"I care not 'for the paltry money," said the Bostonian, "but when he pointed the firearm at me the beast said, 'Stand right where you are at!'"

And a shudder ran through his frame.—Indianapolis Journal.

Does Away With Bluing.

An ingenious Frenchman has done away with the need of bluing in laundering. He makes a soap in which he incorporates a solution of aniline green in strong acetic acid. The alkali of the soap converts the green to blue, and there you are.—Buffalo Courier.

The new moon falling between 8 and 10 a. m. in the summer time means a change of weather. If it has been rainy, it will become fair; if fair weather has been the rule, there will probably be a change to rain.

NOT MADE TO ORDER.

"She whom I love must be quite small," I said.
"I like not your tall women—quite petite,
With eyes that must perforce be raised to mine
And small, white hands and little, dancing feet."
But when we met, love, in that hour divine
Your honest eyes looked level into mine.

"She must be gentle—woman's chiefest charm;
Meek and submissive to my lightest frown."
But now my heart is lying at your feet.
Ah, how imperiously you smiled it down!
And I, your willing slave from day to day,
Live but to love, to honor, to obey.

"She must be fair."
But in your rounded cheek
The red and brown do meet in sweetest blend.
The twilight dusk is in your heavy hair,
And long black lashes added beauty lend
To your brown eyes, where darkly written lie
Love's answers in love's shy obscurity.
—Pearson's Weekly.

ALLIGATOR SENSE.

They Don't Have Much Before They Are One Hundred Years Old.

"Do you know," said Colonel Ben Cason, leaning back in his chair, "that alligators are the most affectionate creatures on earth? It's a fact. And the sense they have! They've got more sense than a dog. How do I know? Haven't I educated 'em? Ain't there an alligator 110 years old in Des Allemand bayou that would work his tail to the bone for me if I asked him to? Say, you make me tired! What are you laughing at? You get a gallon of molasses and a long necked bottle and I'll show you how to tame alligators. It's the easiest thing on earth. They're so affectionate.

"On June 23, 1885, I went to Des Allemand bayou fishing. A negro named Baptiste Fortier had just caught an alligator 100 years old. I could tell by the rings around him. You can't train a young alligator. That's funny, ain't it? I asked Baptiste to sell him to me. I paid him $4.95, and Jim, that's the alligator's name, was mine. I put a chain around his neck. Then I got me a long necked bottle, filled it with molasses and walked up to him. He opened his jaws to nab me. That was my chance. I shoved the neck of the bottle in his mouth, just back of his ears, where an alligator has no teeth. I tilted the bottle up. Jim tasted the molasses and began wagging his tail. He broke Baptiste's leg, but that was an accident. He was as gentle as a setter dog from the minute he tasted the molasses. I taught him a lot of pretty tricks—how to catch flies, how to stand on his tail, how to chew tobacco. Finally I harnessed him up to a boat. He looked around at me to see what I wanted. I reached over the side of the boat and pushed him a little. Then he understood. Off he went. When I pulled on the rope I had around his neck, he was nonplused for a minute, but he soon caught on, and now when I go to Des Allemand's I never have to hire anybody to paddle my canoe. Jim attends to carrying me anywhere I want to go.

"Say, do you know Jim is as glad to see me whenever I pass that way as if he was a relative of mine. What's that? Of course it's the truth. Ask Baptiste. He takes care of Jim for me while I am in New Orleans."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Moose In New Brunswick.

The future of the moose, oldest and noblest of the game animals on this continent, is a matter that has interested a good many people. Mr. Braithwaite, who has lived among these animals all his life, says there is no danger of their diminution in New Brunswick. They shed their antlers before the snow becomes deep in winter, and the sportsman who endeavors to carry away a hornless moose is always roughly dealt with by the magistrates down in the settlements. The only relentless enemy of the moose is the lumberman, who in the depth of winter can make good use of the meat. But in the region which is the subject of this article there is little lumber, and so there are few lumbermen. The degenerate Indians of the villages seldom trouble themselves to hunt, and the few moose killed by hunters are as nothing compared with the young ones destroyed by the bears. Bruin gets trapped because his coat will average $20 to his captor. There are no wolves in this wilderness, so the prospects for the moose are getting better instead of worse. And if there are thousands of moose, there are tens of thousands of caribou.—Frederick Irland in Scribner's.

The Robin and the Caterpillar.

The robin hops along in the furrow and picks up worms as the farmer plows, which it eats itself or carries to its nest as food for the young robins. The robin prefers smooth coated worms, such as the common earthworm, but if such food is scarce it does not disdain the fuzzy caterpillar. It is an evil day for the caterpillar when a robin strikes it. The robin picks it up and shakes it and shakes it until it shakes the spines out of it—the fur, as the children call the caterpillar's fuzzy coating—leaving the caterpillar bare in patches and sometimes all over and shaken all out of shape. Then the robin eats it or carries it off to feed its young.—New York Sun.

Germans Playing Chess.

One can scarcely take up a German paper or magazine which does not have its special column or corner devoted to chess and its interests. The children are set to work on simple chess puzzles in their papers, while the magazines for older readers present problems which seem almost hopeless of solution to an inexperienced player. There are chess clubs, chessrooms, chessbooks and chess players without number.

In 1805 St. Thomas was devastated by fire, government and other property to the value of $80,000,000 being destroyed.

Until B. C. 432 the Greeks began the year at the winter solstice; after that, at the summer.

Literally Correct.

Lipper—How wonderfully cheap clothing is getting to be! Trousers have come down one-half.

Chipper—Yes, just about one-half. Since this bicycle craze they only come down to the knees.—Richmond Dispatch.

TO MY CYCLE.

Dear other self, so silent, swift and sure,
My dumb companion of delightful days,
Might fairy fingers from thy orbit rays
Of steel strike music, as the gods of yore
From reed or shell. What melodies would pour
On my glad ears! What songs of woodland ways,
Of summer's wealth of corn or the sweet lays
Of April's budding green, while evermore
We twain, one living thing, flash like the light
Down the long tracks that stretch from sky to sky!
Thou hast thy music too. What time the noon
Beats sultry on broad roads, when, gathering night,
We drink the keen edged air, or, darkling, fly
'Twixt hedgerows blackened by a mystic moon.
—Adriel Vere in London Spectator.

DID IT HURT YOU?

A Question That Is Often Out of Place and Unnecessary.

The old hymn in Sam Taylor's "Original Poems" beginning with "Who ran to help me when I fell" ought to have a provisional clause added to it. The person who hastens to help a sufferer who has been shocked by a fall should not say a single word. Of course the benevolent bystander is brimful of questions: "Where are you hurt?" "Have you sprained your ankle?" and lastly the insane request to know whether you can fall down a flight of 20 steps or from a piazza 10 feet above ground and not be damaged any more than if you had thrown yourself on a down pillow only a foot away.

Of course you are hurt, and the nerve shock is so great that any sort of question, even if "they" shall fetch hot water, is an additional blow to the nervous system. You are suffering, perhaps, too much to speak, yet they pelt you with questions while every power of your body is endeavoring to regain self control. You ought not to answer. You would like to scream that "it hurts" a hundred times more for being summoned to speak and to diagnose yourself.

All instructions in the line of "First aid to the injured" should begin with, "Be perfectly silent when you run to lift or help a person who has been knocked down or who has fallen and is still partly dazed with the tremendous shock." Let it be for the sufferer to say, "Oh, my head!" or "Oh, my leg!" or back. He will indicate as soon as it is necessary the injured part, but meanwhile you are driving him nearly frantic by asking about it. These simple yet important directions do not seem to be impressed upon the average helpful mind.

Tact, of all things, is as necessary as a knowledge of a tourniquet made from a stick and a pocket handkerchief. Hot water, of course, is required for all bruises and sprains, but let it be brought without asking. The relief to the victim of an accident in having swift and noiseless helpers about him or her—absolutely silent, yet knowing exactly what to do—is very great. Any one who "has been there" knows it all. Yet how quickly is it forgotten when we run to lift up somebody else and begin to pelt him with: "Where did it hurt you?" "Are you hurt?"—Philadelphia Record.

Red Turtles In a Boiling Spring.

That portion of southern or lower California called Hell's Half Acre appears to be situated directly over a subterranean of fire, which causes the mud and water to boil as if in a caldron. At one place on the Half Acre there are over 100 boiling springs and hot mud geysers on a plat of ground that is not of greater extent than a common city square. The chief spring in this queer aggregation of boiling and spouting jets of mud and water is called the Fountain of the Boiled Turtles on account of its curious habit of occasionally ejecting numbers of small red turtles. The temperature of this spring is 226 degrees, 14 degrees higher than the temperature required to boil water under ordinary atmospheric pressure. Notwithstanding the fact that the temperature is sufficient to boil meat perfectly within a few minutes, the small red turtles spoken of live and breed there just as the ordinary variety does in waters of common lakes, rivers and other streams. The spring is called the Fountain of Boiled Turtles because the queer, hard shelled creatures which inhabit it have the appearance of being cooked perfectly done.—St. Louis Republic.

Monkeys Have No Fleas.

It is curious that monkeys should be thought to be infected with what naturalists call the pulex irritans and what ordinary people know as the flea.

As every zoologist is aware, monkeys have neither fleas nor any other parasite whatsoever; in which, of course, they differ vastly from man.

As a matter of fact, when monkeys begin to pick each other about in the friendly way we have all observed, they merely detach bits of hardened sebaceous matter which has been excreted by the glands, and the flea idea is entirely fabulous.—Pearson's Weekly.

Stopped the Row.

"What kind of cheese is this, waiter?" asked the late caller at the restaurant.

"It's sweitzer."

"What, you impudent rascal! I ask what kind of cheese it is, and you tell me 'it's white, sir.' Why, I'll break every bone in your"—

And a prompt explanation from the proprietor at this point was all that prevented a fight.—Detroit Free Press.

The Joke Executioner.

One of New York's comic weeklies has for many years had an old man on its staff whose duty it is to see that no old jokes are accepted. He has a remarkable memory, and nearly every week he "kills" something which has passed muster with the younger editors. He knows the files of his paper thoroughly, and not infrequently when a stolen sketch or an old joke is submitted he can name the month and year when it was first printed. Long years of mirth killing have left their mark in the deep furrows that line his face. It has made him suspicious of every one and particularly of writers of jokes and comic artists. This man has passed his whole life in New York, employed at the unending task of exposing fakirs. He said to a friend not long ago that old jokes haunted his sleep and made life a burden, but it is his boast that none of them has ever worked its way into his paper.

The Regret of His Life.

The late Sir William Grove, the eminent scientist and jurist, never forgave himself for not discovering the spectroscope. "I had often observed," he said, "that there were different lines exhibited in the spectra of different metals ignited in the voltaic arc, and if I had had any reasonable amount of wit I ought to have seen the converse—viz, that by ignition different bodies show in their spectral lines the materials of which they are composed."

A Plausible Theory.

"Since that fellow moved in next to me and is trying to learn how to play the violin, I have a new theory as to the burning of Rome."

"What is it?"

"I'm satisfied that Nero was sitting at the front window playing a fiddle and some of the people in the block took to throwing bombs at him."—Detroit Free Press.

SIREN SONGS FOR GOPHERS.

How Florida Land Turtles Are Lured Out of Their Holes.

W. H. Gilbert, locksmith, astronomer, fisherman, scientist, hunter and capitalist, is a great fancier of gopher meat, and has thought of many ways of catching the game.

Some time ago he learned that there was a family living in the northwestern part of the county which boasted of young men who could "sing" gophers out of their holes. He traveled many miles to ascertain if the report was really true.

The young men were reluctant at first to give an exhibition that might reveal their secret, but Mr. Gilbert had a number of pursuasives along and finally they consented.

The young men equipped themselves with a gunny sack and a pointed stick about five feet long. A half mile from the house, in the wire grass of the rolling pine land, they found the hole of a gopher. They covered the entrance of his tunnel with a sack and planted the stick over the tunnel. Then all of the men lay down about 20 feet away and one of them sang.

In a half hour the sack was seen to move slightly, whereupon one of the young men jumped up quickly and ran to the stick, which he pressed deep into the ground, cutting off the gopher's retreat. The other reached his hand into the hole and brought out a big gopher, which was made into a delicious stew for their dinner. Mr. Gilbert, discoursing on the incident, says:

"I have since learned that the Mexicans, who are very fond of gophers, pursue this method, except that they do not sing. The singing is entirely superfluous. Curiosity is what kills the gopher, as it has killed the historic cat. The animal evidently is curious to learn what it is that has darkened the threshold of his abode and comes forth to see. The stick does the rest. I have tried the same plan myself and very successfully."—Florida Times-Union.

FORESTALLING THIEVES.

Why Thomas A. Edison Patents Everything He Invents.

As Thomas A. Edison watched the pumping of the air from a glass tube in his laboratory a day or two ago, a man said to him:

"You patent every little thing you discover, don't you, Mr. Edison?"

"I do," said Mr. Edison, "and do you know why I do it?"

"I suppose you do it so you will reap the benefit of your discovery," was the reply.

"I thought you'd say that," said Mr. Edison, "and I don't suppose you will believe me when I tell you it isn't so. Nevertheless, I discover a great many things that I would be glad to give to the public for nothing, but I don't dare. I patent these things to save myself from defending lawsuits. There are a lot of sharks in this world who are continually on the lookout for new things, and when one of them hears of something new he hustles to the patent office to see if it is patented. If it isn't, he claims it as an original discovery and files his claim. Then he will turn right around and, like as not, begin a suit with the man who invented the thing for making or using it. The inventor will say: 'But I discovered this thing first. I am the inventor.' He is referred to the patent office, where he finds the official claim of original invention. The fact that the papers are filed long after he made his discovery does not help him, for all the other man does is to hire a fellow to swear that he made the discovery a month or two prior to the date the inventor claims. It sounds ridiculous, probably, but it is a fact that there are often races between the inventors and the sharks to reach the patent office, the sharks having had early information about the inventor's discovery. There are many such races and thousands of dollars depend on each one. What I say is literally true."—

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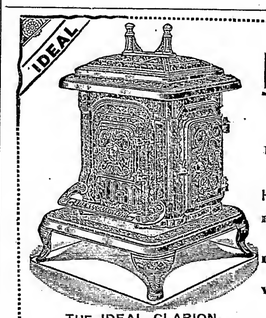

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